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Clover Quickie

The Jodies' Buzz:



Exciting things are happening in 2009! Don't forget to turn your re-enrollment paperwork to our office as soon as possible. Enclosed in this newsletter is information about a lot of new things happening in Bay County. We have the Horse Barn renovation underway, Livestock Association's Spaghetti Dinner, Awards Banquet, and many more opportunities. If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter, feel free to contact us at (989) 895-4026.

Horse Barn Renovations

In January an informational meeting was held to discuss the Equifoam flooring, the first phase that begins a multi-year horse barn renovation project. You may view the PowerPoint presentation at www.baycounty-mi.gov/msue/4-H. If you have any questions please contact MSU Extension at (989) 895-4026. We will be discussing work dates at the Horse Advisory Council meeting on February 5, 2009.

2009 Youth Awards Banquet

Don't forget the 2009 4-H Youth Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2009, at the Canteen Building, on the Bay County Fairgrounds. If you and your family are planning to attend we ask that you bring a dessert that will serve at least eight (8) people. The deadline to place reservations to MSU Extension - Bay County is Friday, February 13, 2009. You must call in your reservations to insure we have enough food and seating. We look forward to seeing you on February 28.

Winter Program Cancellation Policy

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the policy for regularly scheduled 4-H council or association meetings is as follows: meetings are cancelled if there is no school or if school has been dismissed early in the **Bay City Public School District** due to adverse weather conditions. Please be sure that all leaders, parents, and members are aware of this policy.

If you have any doubt about a meeting being cancelled, call MSU Extension at (989) 895-4026 between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. This policy applies to county-wide, regularly scheduled 4-H council or association meetings **only**. Each club should establish their own winter program cancellation policy and be certain that it is understood by all club leaders, parents, and members.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade

The 2009 St. Patrick's Day parade will take place on Sunday, March 22, 2009. All 4-H families and friends are welcome to walk in the parade. This is a great opportunity to expose the public to 4-H. Any youth named in livestock or horse court are greatly encouraged to wear your hats/tiaras and sashes in the parade.

We will meet around 1:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds and the parade will start at 2:00 p.m. You can bring an animal to walk or a caged animal (chicken, rabbit, etc.) that can ride on the wagon. If you plan to walk an animal, please bring a bucket to clean up after your animal. This will count as a livestock or horse activity.

Leader of the Year Nomination

Think about a 4-H leader who has inspired, motivated, or encouraged you over the last year. Consider writing a small paragraph about why that person deserves to be Leader of the Year and submit it to Jodi Schulz at schulzj@baycounty.net or in writing to MSU Extension by February 27, 2009.

Leader Banquet

The Bay County 4-H Leader Banquet will be held Monday, March 9, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at G's Pizza 1005 Saginaw Street, in Bay City. All Bay County 4-H leaders are invited to attend. The banquet is free for leaders, guests are \$10 each. The registration deadline is Monday, February 25, 2009.

4-H Exploration Days

4-H Exploration Days will take place June 24-26, 2009, on the campus of Michigan State University. Exploration Days is an annual MSU pre-college program that attracts approximately 2,500 youth participants and chaperones who represent all 83 Michigan counties. 4-H Exploration Days is designed to:

- Help you learn new ideas, techniques, and skills you can use personally and in your 4-H groups and communities.
- Offer in-depth action learning through sessions in your interest areas.
- Provide opportunities and experiences above and beyond what is available in your county or region.
- Enhance your personal growth by giving you opportunities to develop responsibility, independence, accountability, decision-making, time management and teamwork skills.
- Meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds from across the state.
- Give you access to the Michigan State University campus and its wealth of resources.

Exploration Days books will be available in mid-March. For more information, contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

State 4-H Awards Program

The Michigan State 4-H Awards Program is an opportunity for 4-Hers aged 13 and up with three or more years of experience in 4-H to meet new friends, gain leadership skills, increase their interviewing skills, improve their writing skills, build their self-esteem, and compete for recognition in more than 30 different project areas.

The Michigan State 4-H Awards Program includes county, regional, and state level competition. Awards program participants must submit completed individual or group award application forms to MSU Extension by February 27, 2009. Visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/staward.html> to download forms. State winners are selected during the 4-H Awards Assembly held at MSU during 4-H Exploration Days in June.

2009 Mark of Excellence Essay

The theme for the 2009 Mark of Excellence Essay is, "Because of 4-H I can..." This opportunity to be recognized at the Wharton Center on the campus of MSU during Exploration Days is available for youth ages 11-12 as of January 1, 2009.

Essays must be 500 words or less and typed or handwritten in blue or black ink. For more essay guidelines, contact MSU Extension at (989) 895-4026 or <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/awards/MarkAward-09-InfoSheet.doc>. The deadline to submit essays is March 2, 2009.

Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest

Youth aged 9-19 are eligible to submit up to two photos of historic sites. The deadline for entries is February 15, 2009. For more information contact MSU Extension at (989) 895-4026 or visit <http://www.michigan.gov/michiganweek>.

Pheasant Information

We will be ordering pheasants soon! Mike Meier is the county 4-H pheasant contact. If you are interested in ordering pheasants to show at the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition, please contact him at (989) 697-3430. The pheasant project area is relatively new to Bay County and has been widely accepted with enthusiasm. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

2009 State 4-H Horse Jamboree

The 2009 State 4-H Horse Jamboree will take place on April 18, 2009, at the MSU Pavilion and Anthony Hall on the campus of Michigan State University.

Events that will take place during Jamboree include: horse bowl, horse judging, and hippology. The cost is \$12 per participant per contest. The deadline to register is March 20, 2009.

Wild Turkey Federation Banquet

The National Wild Turkey Federation Chapter - Northern Bay Strutters and Spurs would like to

invite you to their 4th annual banquet on February 13, 2009. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at the Cheese House Restaurant in Pinconning. The purpose is to support locally focused conservation programs, while also supporting hunting and shooting heritage. Contact Darryl Szilagyi at (989) 450-3795 for information.

Scholarships

The Bay Area Community Foundation's college scholarship application for the 2009/2010 school year is now available at www.bayfoundation.org. Scholarships will be awarded this spring from over 80 donor sponsored scholarship funds to graduating seniors and current college students from Bay and Arenac County. The deadline to apply is March 2, 2009.

Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship

A one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a youth who has exhibited livestock for at least three years at local, county, or state fairs prior to entry. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or a high school graduate. The application deadline is June 16, 2009. Visit www.michigan.gov/mda-mylsf for more information.

Land O'Lakes Purina Feed LLC will award five \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate scholastic achievement, leadership in agriculture, and a perceived ability to contribute to agriculture in the future. The deadline to apply is March 14, 2009. Visit www.propelnugget.com for more information.

Rabbit Shows

- Clare County Hartland Rabbit Show- February 14, 2009, at Farwell High School. For more information, contact Don Dietsch at (989) 465-2058.
- Isabella County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show- February 28, 2009, at West Intermediate School Gym in Mt. Pleasant. For more information contact Tammy Brecht at (989) 828-6394.
- Montcalm County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show- March 14, 2009, at Montcalm Community College in Sidney, MI. For more information contact Don Havlicek at (989) 427-5577.

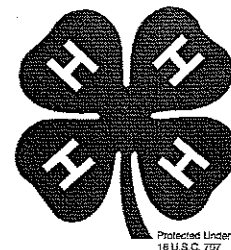
Livestock Opportunities

- 4-H Bi-State Poultry Clinics (see attached flyer)
- Michigan Livestock Expo (see attached flyer)
- Central Michigan Animal Science Seminar- February 25, 2009, Ithaca, MI. Deadline to register is February 20, 2009, cost is \$10 per 4-H member or \$20 per family. Contact MSUE at (989) 895-4026 for more information.

Enrollment Deadline

The enrollment deadline for youth who plan to show at Fair is April 1. Leaders may accept youth into their clubs after the April 1 deadline, but they will not be eligible to participate in fair.

If you are unsure if you are enrolled in Bay County 4-H, contact MSU Extension to make sure.



Bay County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

April 18, 2009

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Show Begins

Pinconning Boys & Girls Club

201 North St.

Pinconning, MI 48650

Trophy and ribbon show

Ribbons 1st - 3rd

Trophies for Best of Breed top five breeds entered

Trophy for Best of Show.

Ribbons for all other BOB and all BOS

Best junior, intermediate, senior showmanship - rosettes

Others 2nd - 6th

Grand Champion Cavy Rosette

Showmanship 1st - 6th

Cloverbuds will be recognized with ribbons

Register day of show 8:00 a.m.

Entry fee \$2.50 per Rabbit or Cavy \$3.00 for Showmanship

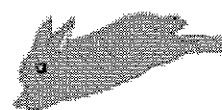
No refunds if you do not show your rabbits/cavies

ARBA show rules and 4-H show rules apply

For more information:

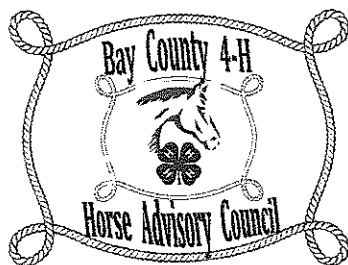
Contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026

E-mail: schulzj@baycounty.net



Bay County 4-H Horse Advisory Council

SHAGGY SPRING FLING OPEN HORSE SHOW



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT 4-H HORSE
ADVISORY COUNCIL

Judge: TBA

April 25, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Bay County Fairgrounds
800 Livingston St.
Bay City Michigan 48708

For More Information:

MSU Extension - Bay County (989) 895-4026
Show Chair Person: Melisa Lisk (989) 245-3819
Co-Chair: Joann Jasman (989) 751-7407

4-H Rules Apply
Entry Fee: \$4.00 per class
All Day Fee: \$30.00

**No Show Clothes or Clipping
Required**

Safe riding attire is required

Prizes Awarded for High Point in
each Age Division

Lunch Available on Grounds

Show Rain or Shine unless
weather and arena conditions are
deemed unsafe.

1. *Shaggiest Equine (in hand) ²
2. Shaggiest Equine (in hand) (8 & under) ³
3. Showmanship (8 & under) ³
4. Showmanship 30 & over
5. Showmanship 20 - 29
6. Showmanship 16 - 19
7. Showmanship 12 - 15
8. Showmanship 9 - 11
9. Lead Line Horse/Pony (8 & under) ³
10. *Walk/Trot Novice Rider ¹
11. Walk/Trot (8 & under)
12. Saddle Seat Pleasure - open
13. Saddle Seat Equitation - open
- *** 15 Minute Break***
14. English Pleasure 30 & over
15. English Pleasure 20 - 29
16. English Pleasure 16 - 19
17. English Pleasure 12 - 15
18. English Pleasure 9 - 11
19. English Equitation 30 & over
20. English Equitation 20 - 29
21. English Equitation 16 - 19
22. English Equitation 12 - 15
23. English Equitation 9 - 11
24. Hunter Hack - open
- ***Lunch***
25. *W/T Novice Horse Pleasure
26. *W/T Novice Horse Equitation
27. Western Pleasure 30 & over
28. Western Pleasure 20 - 29
29. Western Pleasure 16 - 19
30. Western Pleasure 12 - 15

31. Western Pleasure 9 - 11
32. Western Equitation 30 & over
33. Western Equitation 20 - 29
34. Western Equitation 16 - 19
35. Western Equitation 12 - 15
36. Western Equitation 9 - 11
37. * Groom's Class ¹
38. Reining - open
39. Bareback Equitation - open
- Speed Classes:** (Laser Timer)
40. Cloverleaf 30 & over
41. Cloverleaf 20 - 29
42. Cloverleaf 16 - 19
43. Cloverleaf 12 - 15
44. Cloverleaf 9 - 11
45. Flag Race 30 & over
46. Flag Race 20 - 29
47. Flag Race 16 - 19
48. Flag Race 12 - 15
49. Flag Race 9 - 11
50. Speed & Action 30 & over
51. Speed & Action 20 - 29
52. Speed & Action 16 - 1
53. Speed & Action 12 - 15
54. Speed & Action 9 - 11
55. Barrel Bending 30 & over
56. Barrel Bending 20 - 29
57. Barrel Bending 16 - 19
58. Barrel Bending 12 - 15
59. Barrel Bending 9 - 11
60. Two - Man Relay - open

¹ - Not to ride in any other
class

² - Fun Class, Not judged on
conformation

³ - Adult Walking assistant
required

Show committee retains
right to combine/split classes

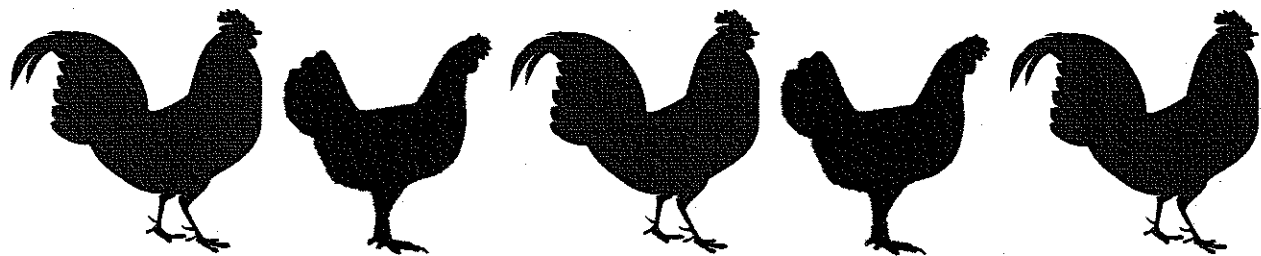
High Point awarded per age
group/based on 1 horse/1
rider

Bay County 4-H Horse Advisory Council and The Bay County Fairgrounds are not responsible for any theft, loss, injury, or accident to any horse, rider, or equipment at this event. Riders agree to abide by all 4-H rules. **Negative Coggins required.** Rain or shine unless weather or arena deemed unsafe. No refunds.

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Michigan State University & The Ohio State University in partnership, invite you to...



4-H Bi-State Poultry Clinics

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

February 21, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Anthony Hall on
MSU Campus, E. Lansing, MI

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

March 28, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

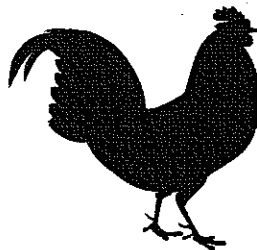
OARDC
Wooster, OH

4-H youth of all ages, volunteers and parents are welcome!

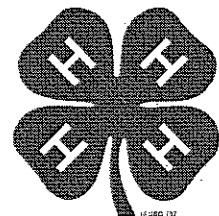
SESSIONS MAY INCLUDE:

- Poultry Management
- Nutrition
- Anatomy
- Exhibition and Market Birds

There will also be a keynote speaker during the lunch hour.



This is an exciting chance to come and discuss your poultry projects with experts and 4-H youth members from across Ohio and Michigan!



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

Michigan State University Extension 4-H:
web1.msue.msu.edu/anisci.html
The Ohio State University 4-H Poultry:
4hpoultry.osu.edu
or contact your county Extension office.

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michigan LIVESTOCK expo



Debuting in July 2009

The Michigan Livestock Expo is a multi-specie livestock event including beef, sheep, swine, and goats, designed to enhance the livestock industry, educate youth and showcase Michigan's agriculture industry. The dairy industry will also be holding the Michigan Dairy Expo simultaneously at the MSU Pavilion. Champions in each livestock specie will be sold at a special evening industry celebration.

July 17 - 19

Ingham County Fairgrounds

- Open to Michigan youth between the ages of 9 and 20 as of January 1 of the show year
- Market Livestock Show: Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats
- Livestock Showmanship: Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats
- See www.milivestock.com for tagging, pre-entry, and DNA sample deadlines

July 21

MSU Livestock Pavilion

- Dairy Show and Showmanship

July 21 - Evening

MSU Livestock Pavilion

- Michigan Agriculture Sale-abration

Reception followed by the Sale of Champions including representatives from the Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, and Dairy species

Early Sponsors

- Michigan Farm Bureau • Michigan Department of Agriculture
- GreenStone Farm Credit Services • Michigan State University
- Michigan Milk Producers Association

The Goal

To be Michigan's premier livestock and dairy exhibition event



www.milivestock.com

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